

**Drug Interdiction** 

Marijuana – Bricks / Compressed



• Marijuana - Domestic



Cocaine



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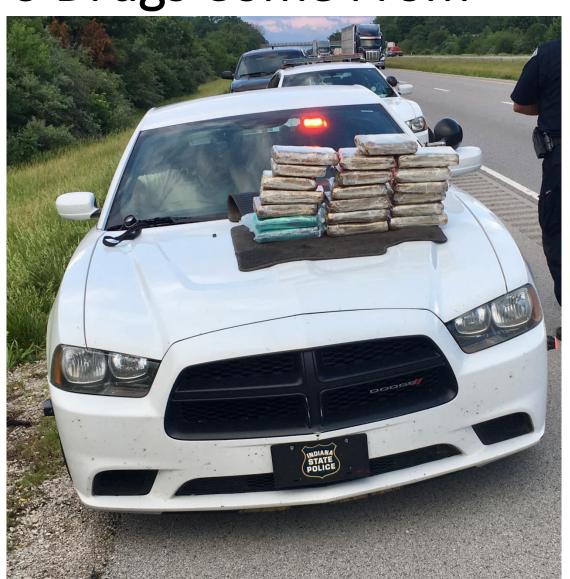
Cocaine



Heroin



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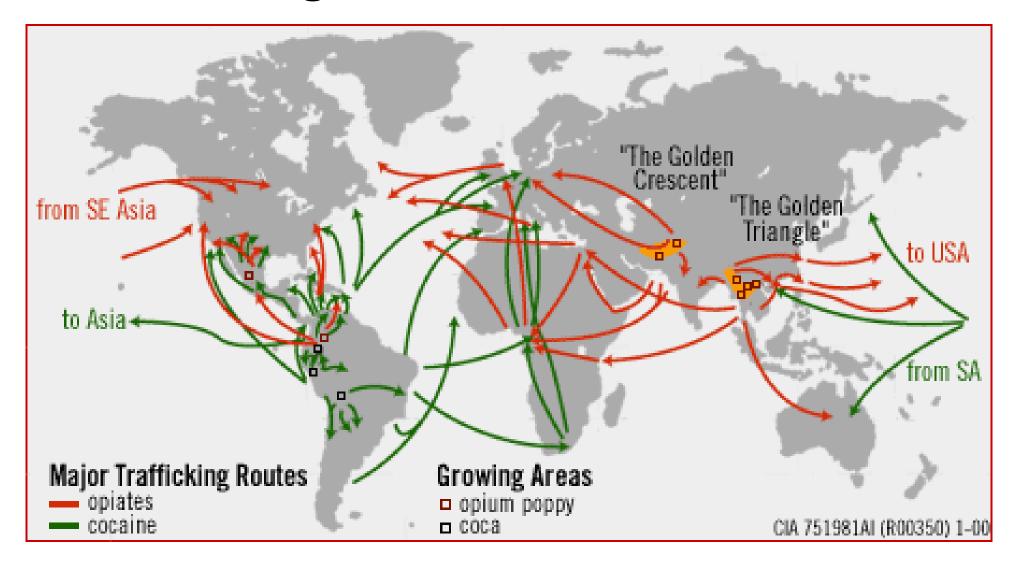


Meth

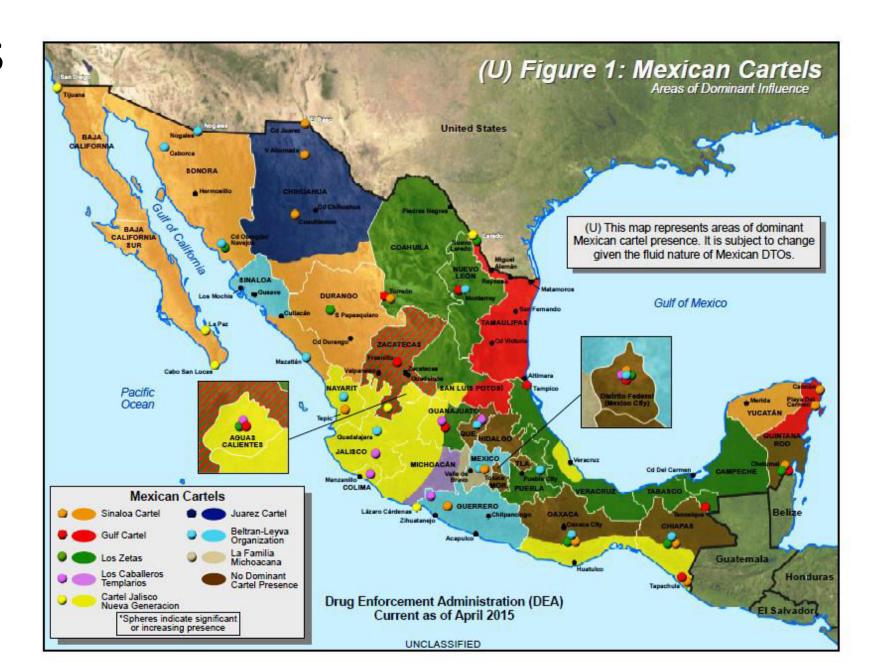


Fentanyl

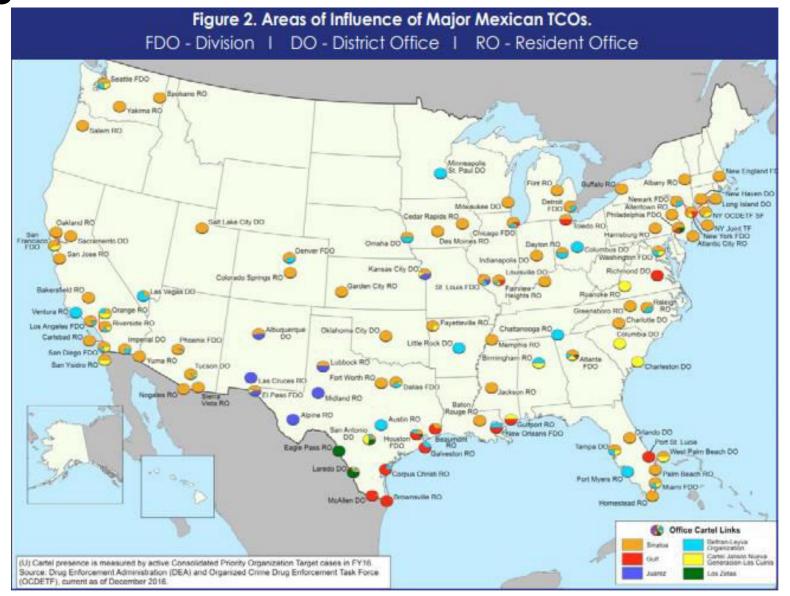




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# Why are Drugs Trafficked

- Strong demand in the US
- Greed
- Control

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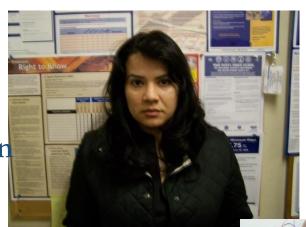


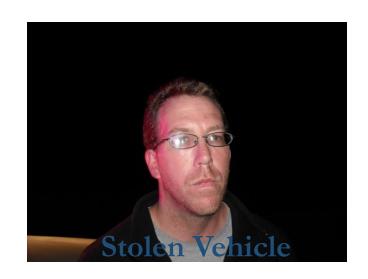
What Does A Criminal Look Like?





+ 4 children \$31,550.00



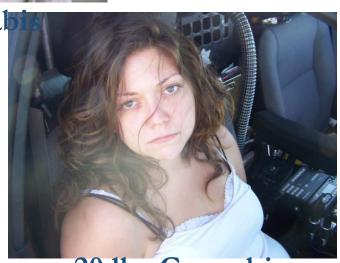


102 lbs Cannabis









20 lbs Cannabis







7 oz Cocaine4 oz Crack Cocaine4 oz Cannabis



Handgun



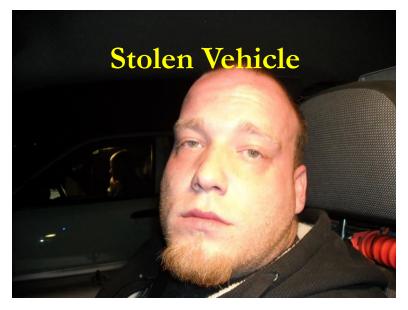
2 Kilos Cocaine False Compartment



Cannabis



7.7 pounds cocaine1.24 pounds meth (ICE)3 false compartments





3 ounces cocaine

## What is Drug Interdiction

Interdiction

- The act of prohibiting or forbidding something
- The action of intercepting and preventing the movement of a prohibited commodity or person.

#### What is Drug Interdiction

Drug Interdiction

• The interception of illegal drugs being smuggled by air, sea, or land.

#### What is a Drug Interdiction Officer

- Being a Police Officer
- Being observant
- Being nosy
- Being relentless
- Never giving up

#### **Drug Interdiction Officers**

- Take many routine tasks away from them
- Focus on traffic enforcement in known drug trafficking corridors
- Focus of traffic enforcement is safety of the public oriented
- Work in teams for officer safety

You either have it or you don't

#### **Drug Interdiction Officers**

- Specialized training
  - Identifying deception
  - Identifying concealment methods
  - Proper searching techniques
  - Identifying new trafficking trends

#### How is Drug Interdiction Done

- Routine traffic enforcement
  - Legal traffic stops for traffic violations
- Routine contact with the traffic violator
  - Normal conversation during encounter not "Interrogation"
- Rapid assessment of the traffic stop
  - Is this a routine trip or possibly a travelling criminal
- Release or investigate further

All Must be done during the business of the traffic stop

#### What are We Looking For

- Paperwork
  - Who is the owner of the car
  - Does the driver / occupant know the owner of the car / how
- Plain view
  - Is there contraband visible by the officer during the encounter?
  - Can narcotics be smelled by the officer during the encounter?
- Multiple addresses
  - Example vehicle plated out of Nebraska, driver licensed out of California, passenger licensed out of New York

## Conversation During the Stop

• 2 Volunteers

#### What are We Looking For

- Driver / Passenger
  - Do they know each other
  - How long have they known each other
  - Where are they going
  - Why are they going there
  - Where are they coming from
  - Why were they there
  - How long were they there or going to be there

#### Nervousness

- Everyone is nervous when they are stopped by the police
- It is the officers job to lower that nervousness
- The nervousness that we look for remains the same or rises
- Courts do not place a large emphasis on nervousness

# **Body Language**

- Eyes
- Hands
- Feet
- Carotid Artery
- Breathing

#### Release or Further Investigate

- If no indicators of criminal behavior, release
- If suspicion is raised K-9 or request consent
- They can deny consent

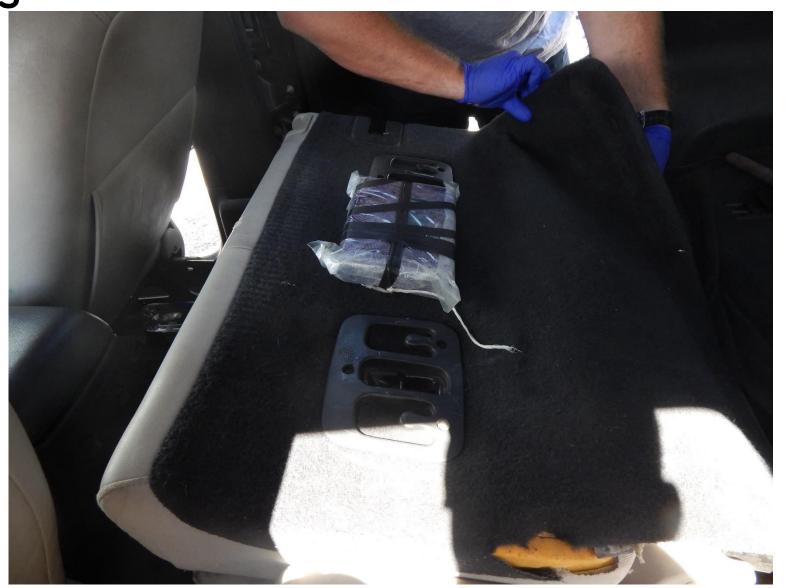
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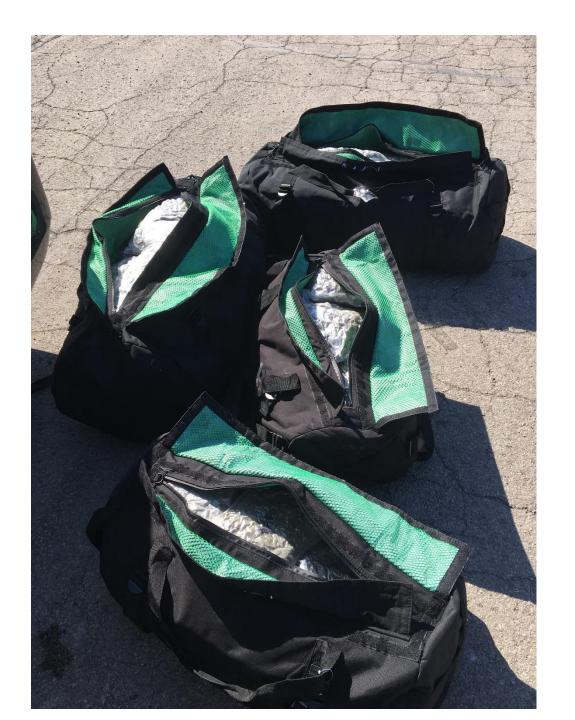
- Searching is done with probable cause or consent from the owner or person in control of the vehicle
- Searching is done in the least intrusive manner possible
- Searching is done with proper tools to not destroy anything unless it is needed



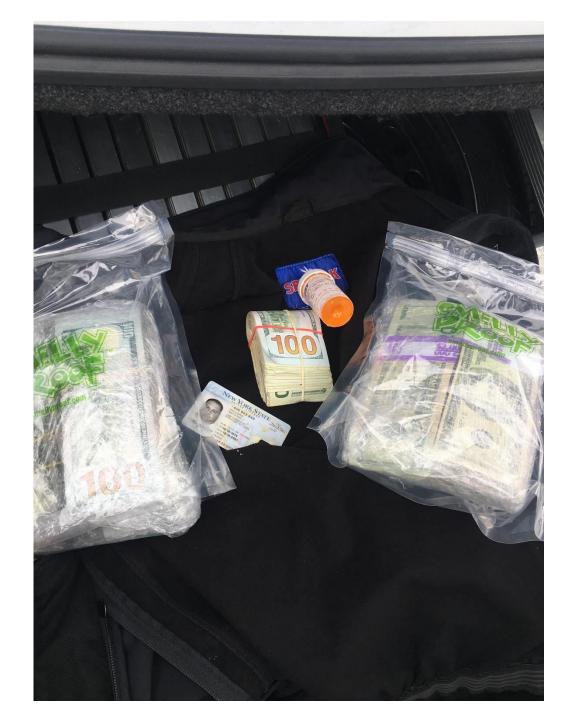














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